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SUBJ: OFFICIAL AMERICAN TRAVEL TO PRC

1. DURING JULY 13 MEETING, MFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG AGAIN GAVE POLITE NEEDLE TO USLO OFFICERS ON OUR LACK OF LEAD TIME IN NOTIFYING MFA OF AMERICAN OFFICIAL VISITORS ARRIVAL PLANS. CITING SHORTNESS OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION IN CASES OF MRS. CHAO, ROGER SULLIVAN AND CONGEN OSBORN, HE REQUESTED MORE WARNING IN FUTURE. USLO OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE WOULD GIVE AS MUCH ADVANCE WARNING AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTOOD IN SULLIVAN'S CASE THAT PRCLO HAD BEEN CONTACTED AT AN EARLY STAGE.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, USLO URGES THAT DEPARTMENT AND HONG KONG PROVIDE US WITH REQUISITE TRAVEL AND PASSPORT INFORMATION AT LEAST THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF VISITORS' ARRIVAL. WE REALIZE PLANS IN SOME CASES MUST REMAIN UP IN AIR FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. WE ALSO AWARE CHINESE THEMSELVES NO GREAT STARS WHEN IT COMES TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE WE CAN AVOID NEEDLESS FRICTION IF WE GIVE THEM MORE TIME.
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